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## President Eigel Withdraws

U.B. President hands over the university to a PWPA nominee

by Evie Andreou  
& Jessica Han

Saturday, November 5, was just another boring day for most U.B. students. Little did these students know that on the same day, in the Tower Room of the Bernhard Center, U.B. was heading toward a turning point at a Board of Trustees' meeting. Specifically, three important decisions were announced at this meeting: The resignation of President Eigel, the election of Dr. Richard Rubinstein as the new President, and the agreement of the PWPA funding committee to give U.B. an additional \$25.5m.

President Edwin G. Eigel Jr., who has been associated with U.B. for the past 16 years, became the President of the University on November 4, 1991. He took over at a time when the university was facing serious problems and played a very important role in helping to turn the institution around. After dealing with the faculty strike in September 1990 and having to keep the University doors open, President Eigel was happy to see U.B. finally heading in the right direction.

The Vision Plan that President Eigel showed so much faith in gave hope to the whole U.B. community. Everyone expected to see the President lead the University toward the accomplishment of the plans. However, the sudden announcement of his resignation on November 5, raised the question "why now?"

"Basically, the goals that I set when I accepted the job have been, or shortly will be reached. Feeling a little tired, I think it is time for me to

take a rest," the President stated at an interview with *The Scribe*.

The Vision Plan is completed, but only on paper. When asked if he was so confident in this plan that he decided to resign before allowing time to show if the set goals were feasible or not, President Eigel replied: "The financial stability of the University is virtually guaranteed. The long-range plan has been accepted in principle by the Board of Trustees with some details to be worked out within a short period of time. The basic directions have been set. The stability, academically and financially, is there."

President Eigel believes that he is leaving his "Vision Plan" and the University of Bridgeport in good hands. "Dr. Rubinstein certainly is an intelligent, well-respected and well-published scholar," he acknowledged. He seems to have no doubt that the new President will do his best to serve the University, and accomplish the goals that lie ahead of us.

President began planning his resignation some time ago. "I was thinking of it more as a retirement from the job, to tell you the truth. But probably since last spring when it started to look like things were beginning to fall into place. But when it looked like we were making progress as far as the long-range plan is concerned, when it became apparent that the PWPA was going to consider seriously the additional funding needed, that's when I began thinking about my resignation. I wasn't talking to anyone about it, but I was certainly thinking about it," President Eigel explained.

### The PWPA and President Eigel's Resignation

But what exactly was the connection the PWPA considering to provide the extra funding for U.B., and the President's decision to resign? Was the President receiving any pressure from the funding source? Or did his decision to resign just happen to coincide with the time the PWPA was negotiating with the Board of Trustees for the \$25.5m fund? "I suppose, since they have the majority of members on the Board of Trustees, can put pressure on the board, but they don't do that," President Eigel said when asked whether the PWPA can exercise power over the Board of trustees and control its decisions. The same question was addressed to Dean Guerra, but in different words: "Was it a coincidence that at the same time the PWPA handed over to U.B. \$25.5m and President Eigel handed over his position to a PWPA nominee?"

"No, I don't think these issues are linked in any way. However, once the President stepped down, the question became open who should be the next president. My understanding of the agreement that was reached in a decision made by the Board of Trustees is that there would be a temporary appointed president and a search committee would be set in place which would take very seriously the input of the faculty," Dean Guerra replied.

Asked how he feels about President Eigel's resignation, Dean Guerra answered: "I can't say I fully expected it, but when Dr. Eigel

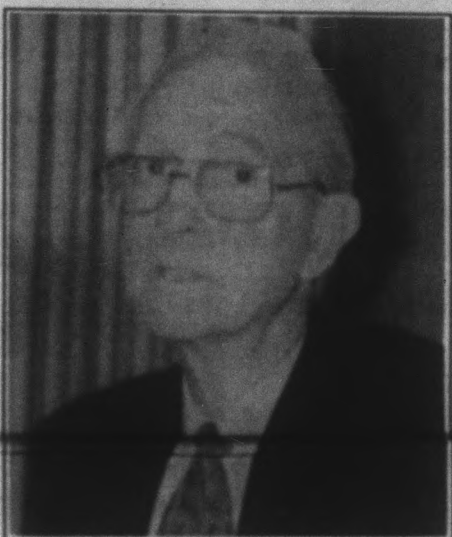
became President he had not intended that this would be a long appointment. This may be a little shorter than what he had originally thought. I know he had some health problems that were of a very serious nature and as he said in his own statement, he's been in administration for 30 years and I must say that probably the last few years at U.B. may count as double in terms of stress and tremendous challenges that U.B. had to face."

President Eigel denied that his resignation had to do with health problems. "I had surgery back in January, but the surgery cleared up the problem and I've been doing some treatment to be on the safe side since then. This was not the reason why I resigned," stated the President.

Dean Guerra did not indicate any concern about the fact that Dr. Rubinstein has not been at U.B. long enough to know how this institution is run on a day to day basis. "Obviously he hasn't been here as an administrator and there are certain day to day operational matters

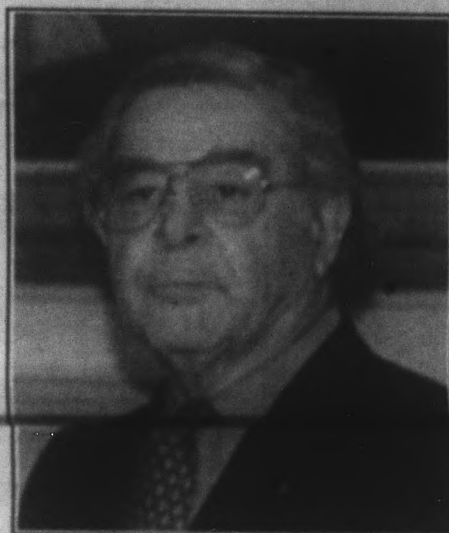
he needs to be familiarized with. He has a pretty extensive awareness of the main issues confronting the

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**PRES. EDWIN G. EIGEL Jr.**

- Doctorate in Mathematics from St. Louis University and Bachelor's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Previously taught at Georgetown University and St. Louis University.
- Has been at U.B. since 1979. First taught math, then moved up to become the vice-president of Academic Affairs.
- Appointed as the President of U.B. in 1991.
- Announced resignation November 5, 1994.
- Will remain at U.B. as President Emeritus and will continue to teach math.



**DR. RICHARD RUBINSTEIN**

- Former President of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA).
- Recently appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- Ph.D. from Harvard University and a Master of Theology from the Harvard Divinity School.
- A practicing rabbi and a college professor in Florida.
- Author or editor of 13 books, which have been widely translated.
- New-appointed President of U.B. Assumes duties in January '94.

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## News

## Dean Suggests Centralizing Mailboxes

by Justin Harding

Progress means change. In the light of the New Vision Plan at the University of Bridgeport, everyone is chipping in with new ideas. One such new idea has been thrown out on the table by the Dean of Students and Multi-cultural Relations, Janet Meritt, who said that there were several reasons why she would like to propose moving all the mail boxes to

a central location on campus.

"Communication on campus between the administration, faculty and students has been a big problem.

I didn't know it was advisor week!" voiced an angry commuting student. He added "I never know a damn thing that's going on at this university. It's like I am in the dark."

"Most commuter students don't know the resources available to them. The commuter lounge is only used by a few students," commented Candida Paula, President of the Commuting Students. Recently, she has put together a staff of three others to assist her in the enormous task of reaching out to inform students who live off-campus about campus activi-

ties.

Another concerned student, John Park, recently questioned the Executive Committee of Student

Congress at an informal meeting held at Famous Pizza. "What would you regret not having accomplished while in office?" The general agreement, despite personal agendas, was establishing an effective communication system between students and the administration.

Steps are being taken by Student Congress to inform the student population of campus events. The Director of Student Programming, Mark Abrams, feels The Scribe is "a very important vehicle to get mes-

sages out to all the residents." Furthermore, the Co-Senator of the Business School, Markus Nottelmann, is awaiting word on a \$500 grant request to the Parent's Association for two outdoor bulletin boards. According to Co-Senator Nottelmann, possibilities for their location, if the grant is approved, could be next to the entrance of Marina and in the heart of campus, next to the telephones near the street crossing at Park Avenue.

Regarding the mailboxes, Dean Meritt said "of course, I wouldn't take any action without first getting students' reactions to the idea. We don't even know whether such a move would be possible due to financial limitations. However, the first step would be to organize a task force of students to research the mailbox proposal, and also approach Student Congress."

There are at present 539 resident students in four dormitories on cam-

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Dean Meritt

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## Colin Gunn is Honored by UB

by Markus Nottelmann

Colin (Ben) Gunn, a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Bridgeport, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters on Friday, November 4th.

In a ceremony held in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Arnold Bernhard Center, the Westport attorney and former chairman of the university's Board of Trustees received the degree as an expression of gratitude from the university for his extraordinary commitment to the

school.

From 1991 to 1994, during what were probably the university's most difficult years in its 70 year history, he served as chairman of the Board of Trustees. During his chairmanship, he helped the university stay on its



UB would not be where it is today without Colin Gunn's effort

feet financially, partly by raising more than \$1 million in gifts and grants.

Part of his job as chairman of the Board of Trustees was negotiating an agreement with the Professor's World Peace Academy, which eventually allowed the university to regain

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## Rowland Next Governor

## Congressional Incumbents Hold On

by Larry Albino,  
Roland Gomez  
and Alejandro Cordinalle

Former Congressman John Rowland, helped by a pledge to repeat the state income, edged out former State Comptroller William Curry to win the race for governor on Tuesday. Rowland garnered 36% of the vote to Curry's 33%. Three other candidates, Lt. Governor Eunice Groark, independent candidate Tom Scott and right-to-life candidate Joe Zdonczyk finished well behind Rowland and Curry.

Rowland's victory means that the state of Connecticut will have a Republican governor for the first time in 20 years, since Thomas Meskill left office. Rowland's capture of the governor's mansion was part of nationwide Republican sweep of both houses of Congress and a majority of governorships. Republicans picked up 54 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, eight

seats in the U.S. Senate, and 11 governorships. While open seats, several notable Democratic incumbents were defeated, including New York governor Mario Cuomo and 18-term congressman Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois.

Incumbents did well in Connecticut, as six of retained their seats. Democratic Senator Joe Lieberman easily defeated his Republican challenger Gerry Labriola, getting nearly 70% of the vote. Democratic House members Barbara Kennelly and Rosa Delauro, and Republican House members Nancy Johnson and Christopher Shays won handily. Republican Gary Franks held off a strong challenge from Democrat James Mooney. As of press time, the race in the Second Congressional District between Democrat Sam Gejdensen and Republican Ed Munster was too close to call. Results of an automatic recount will be announced on Monday (November 14).

Governor-elect Rowland's legislative agenda not only includes repeal of the state income tax, but support for welfare reform, tougher sentencing for violent offenders, and approval of a casino for Bridgeport as well. He faces a major obstacle in getting this legislation passed; while the state senate has a 19-17 Republican edge, the General Assembly is still dominated by Democrats. The Democratic majority in the General Assembly is on record as being against a repeal of the state income tax, preferring to offer property tax relief for voters of Connecticut.

The results of the election also dealt a blow to the future of the A Connecticut Party (ACP) in the state. Lt. Governor Groark, the ACP candidate, needed to get 20% of the vote for ACP to automatically remain on the ballot. Her 18% total means that the party will have to petition its way on the ballot in 1998.

John Rowland succeeds Governor Lowell Weicker, who narrowly beat Rowland in 1990. At age 37, John Rowland becomes Connecticut's youngest governor in the 20th century.



## Eigel's resignation

Institution, though" he said.

Dr. Rubinstein has already begun to take steps to familiarize himself with the daily life and problems at this institution. He was on campus on Saturday, November 5, he went back to Florida after the Board of Trustees meeting and returned to U.B. on Thursday, November 10. In the short time that he spent at U.B., he managed to impress people with his accessibility and determination. A 70-year-old scholar of excellent academic reputation, who loves anything related to computers, definitely has a special way of communicating with people.

Last Friday, he met with U.B. faculty and later the same day met with a group of students in Janet Merritt's office in the Student Center. In the meeting with students, he mentioned, among other things, that the money required to keep this University running was only guaranteed on Oct. 31. October 31 also happens to be the day President Eigel informed the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees about his resignation.

At the end of the meeting, we asked Dr. Rubinstein a question that we believe voices the concern of

many students: "Would the PWPA as U.B.'s main funding source, have given the institution the \$25.5m if President Eigel had not stepped down? Or does the PWPA have the power to set conditions for their funding decision?" Dr. Rubinstein declined to comment on the record.

Sources both from the administration and faculty that wish to remain anonymous believe that there is definitely a connection between the \$25.5m from the PWPA and President Eigel's resignation. "The link between the PWPA funds and the replacement of President Eigel by Dr. Rubinstein is one of U.B.'s worst kept secret," said a faculty member who preferred not to be identified.

### Students' Reactions

The professor's opinion seems to be shared by many U.B. students. The Scribe conducted a survey on Friday, November 11, in which students were called up randomly and questioned about their views on President Eigel's resignation. Here are some of the responses we received: "It's a joke. I seriously believe that President Eigel was asked to step down," said a senior Biology major who wishes to stay anonymous.

"It's a shock. Just when things are beginning to get done and enroll-

ment begins to increase, the President resigns. I think there is something behind it and students are left in the dark," said Justin Arroyo, a Fashion Merchandise major.

"What resignation? I think it's only too obvious that President Eigel was given no choice but to step down. I only hope the PWPA gives us good money in return. Why can't they be more open and tell us what they plan to do with this University? I am not saying that the new President is less competent than President Eigel. But his election raises some serious questions about the PWPA's power over U.B.," said a sophomore, Business major, who does not want to reveal her name.

Some other students seem to be even more informed about what is going on at U.B. When a member of the Student Congress was asked to voice his opinion about what made the President step down, he replied: "Partly I think the PWPA wanted their own man in control since they are investing so much money in the university. But, secondly, I think members of the faculty were beginning to feel that President Eigel was no longer the best person to guide the school in a new direction. I've heard from many members of the Faculty Council that certain professors wanted to push for a motion of

no confidence in the senior administration." The meeting for this vote was scheduled for a few days after the Board of Trustees meeting on November 5. After the announcement of President Eigel's resignation, this vote was canceled.

After putting together statements from President Eigel, Dean Guerra, Dr. Rubinstein, faculty members, and U.B. students, the information leads to the conclusion that there is more to President Eigel's resignation than what he mentions in his press release.

"When will the administration finally realize that the most important part of U.B. is its students and that these students deserve to be treated like intelligent and responsible people?" argues a student.

These students' comments clearly indicate a desire to be kept informed and involved in university affairs. Despite the apparent stonewalling by administrators over the presidential transition, Dr. Rubinstein promised to be accessible to students after he assumes his duties in January.

"You (the students) are too important not to be met with," Dr. Rubinstein acknowledged.

# BEEPER—THE BEST IN THE MARKET?

by Evie Andreou

On Tuesday November 1, those who attended the Student Congress meeting in the Student Center's Private Dining Room, were able to get first hand information about the latest developments in the beeper controversy. The guest at this meeting, Mike Beecher (Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer), displayed a considerable amount of courage by appearing in front of a group of displeased—to put it mildly—students, and addressing this hot issue. "The administration will not reverse the mandatory decision this year," stated Beecher. "However, we may consider making the beeper optional next year."

The above statement seemed to only aggravate students' anger. They gave Beecher a "thanks a lot" look, while one of them expressed a general concern: "I think this is a ploy to keep us quiet, sir!"

Of course Beecher denied the accusation. He admitted that there has been a lack of communication between the administration and the students about the beeper. This problem was unavoidable, he continued, since the decision to make the PAD (personal alarm device) mandatory was made over the summer when most students were away.

However, the administration has decided to compromise and offer students some compensation for being made to buy the beeper before it even became operational. This compensation will come in the form of a \$25 refund. Furthermore, students will not be charged a \$50 fine for a false alarm, although there will be a penalty for misusing the PAD.

Even the \$25 refund, though, did not seem to make students happy. "As customers of this university, don't we have the right to choose what we think is best for us?" asked Jun Park, a Mechanical Engineering major. According to Beecher, the administration was serving students' interests when they decided to make everyone buy the beeper. "The university is committed to making the campus safe," said the CFO and Treasurer. "And I must stress that the Campus Secure System is a very significant enhancement to the safety of the campus community." He even went as far as to say that the beeper is "the best personal security device on the market today."

"May I see your beeper, sir?" Franck Adjisegbe, a mass communication major asked Beecher. "Yes, I have a beeper, yes I carry it, and yes I pay for it," replied Beecher, holding up his PAD. Adjisegbe seemed to be satisfied with the response. Holding his beeper in his right hand, he remained quiet until he addressed Beecher again, 15 minutes later. "Sir, do you remember when I asked you to show me your beeper? At that time I held down my beeper for seven seconds. Fifteen minutes have passed now, and no one has showed up!"

This was something that neither Beecher, nor anyone else in the room expected to happen. Indeed, no security guard appeared in the room in response to Adjisegbe's call. "I don't know what to say to that," said Beecher.

"The activation of your PAD to make a point in a meeting is a clear misuse of the system that could have resulted in a delay in our response to a real emergency. As much as that

concerns me, your incorrect statements that the system did not work and no one came bothered me more," stated Director of Security James M. Mooney, in an inter-office memorandum that he sent to Franck Adjisegbe the day after the Student Congress meeting.

At Mr. Mooney's request, a Scribe representative went over to the Public Safety building to check the computer record where Adjisegbe's alarm signal was recorded. According to this record, the PAD was activated at 8:46 on Tuesday in room 103 of the Student Center, and the alarm system was cleared and reset seven minutes afterwards, at 8:53 p.m. "But how could the alarm system be cleared if no officer came in the room to see if everything was OK?" we asked Mr. Mooney. In response to this question the Director of Security

and arrived on the scene at 8:48 p.m. He observed no signs of any problem, and, not wanting to disrupt the meeting in progress reported back to dispatch via radio that everything was OK.

From what the officer himself told Mr. Mooney, he was able to observe what was going on in the room from door #103 (one of the three doors of the Private Dining Room). This is why nobody saw him walk inside, or even in the corridor outside the room, said Mooney. The funny thing is that door 103, as well as the door right next to it were locked throughout the meeting. The only open door to the room where the meeting was being held was door #107, and every student who was at the meeting can assure Mr. Mooney that no officer walked anywhere near that door.

## Video Machines Assaulted

by Franck Adjisegbe

At the time this news went to press, the video game machines on the first floor of the Barnum Hall were still crying for adoption. Ms. April DePalmer, the Burns Security supervisor, made frantic calls to many companies in search for the owner of the machines which were robbed between 1:30 am and noon, November 6.

According to Mr. Mooney, the only clues were that the back door alarm of the huge recreation hall, where the ghost-like looking machines lived, was not functioning,

and a window was left open. But an officer, who for some reason has not been questioned, was on duty.

While Mr. Mooney called the incident "a common crime," Michael, the 2nd floor RA on duty the night of the robbery, said he couldn't explain the situation.

Apparently, an on-campus practicing burglar took advantage of a "noisy night" (according to security) to rip open the quarter-coins filled chest of 2 of these poor machines and made away with an unknown amount.

With no leads as yet, no suspects, no tangible security move, "what we have now is an open investigation" said Mr. Mooney.



## News &amp; Editorials

## Dear YoYo

Dear YoYo,

I just turned 20 and I'm already thinning on top. I've tried numerous hair growth products but most are a nuisance and some have had disastrous effects. At one time, I've even had hair growing on my ears! Is there anything I can do to avoid looking like Phil Collins in a couple of years? The bald-on-top-ponytail-look just isn't me either.

-Desperately seeking a cure

Dear Desperate,

Of all the modern remedies available today, the best hair loss remedy you can find is in the onion. Each time before washing your hair simply cut an onion in half and massage it into your scalp. This will stimulate hair growth. According to my grandmother however, the water from nettles is excellent, or you might try the grease from sheep wool which is great for nourishing the roots of thinning hair because it contains vitamin F. You should have no problem finding either of these in any health food store.

Good luck,

-YoYo

## Professor Allen's Recipe for College Success

*continued from the last issue*

Are you an ostrich? Ostrich students hide their heads in the sand by pretending that if they aren't in class, deadlines miraculously disappear, their work isn't due, and they aren't responsible for having done the reading and for class notes and assignments. Ostrich students are funny, they're so obvious and oblivious.

No written work — I repeat, no written work can done well with one draft. All written work requires an absolute minimum of three takes: the original, the corrected original, the second draft, the corrected second draft; the final copy, the carefully proofread final copy. Professional writers usually do five to ten drafts — unless they're journalists who have copy editors.

You love music? Fine. But unless you're a music major, remember that you're probably using music as a tranquilizer, a mood stabilizer, an upper or downer. The intellectual content of most popular music is about at the 4th grade level. Unplug the walkman from your ears, turn off the boom box and, listen, are those robins? Is that the sound of falling snow? There's a real world out here. You can't afford more than an hour of musical pap a day, can you?

Television wasn't called "the Idiot Box" for nothing. Despite C.N.N., the Discovery Channel, P.B.S. and Picket Fences, TV is still mainly for idiots. Use its mush for relaxation from stress, for escape, for a reward at the end of a hard day of studying — but use the Idiot Box carefully. Fourteen hours a week of TV should be your absolute maxi-

## BAD TIMING!

by J.J. van der Stok

I was overwhelmed, like many students around this time of the semester, and I felt perhaps there was something wrong with my time management. So I went to the Time Management Skills talk offered by Residential Life on Monday, November 14, at the 7pm in Chaffee Hall's 1st floor lounge. With all the flyers that had been distributed and were hung all over campus, I was surprised when I was the only student to walk into the dark 1st floor lounge. But what surprised me even more was that no one from Residential Life was there, which to me clearly demonstrated the time management skills of Residential Life.

*"Life is a tragedy for those who feel, and a comedy for those who think."*

-JEAN DE LA BRUYERE

## Noise Pollution

by Sherifova Emilia

When we become members of this student community, we should understand that it will be necessary to alter our habits and adapt ourselves to quite a different lifestyle. We as students have to put up with many inconveniences but that is the price we have to pay for.

Music, boisterous parties, and noisy arguments are the things that make student life more interesting and memorable. All is well when kept within certain limits and when it does not infringe upon anybody's interests.

In this respect, the problem of noise disturbance is very urgent and actual. Noise is all over campus: in the dorms, in the halls, outside. Noise of all kinds — from screamings to music which is loud enough to wake the dead.

Students are suffering. They are suffering from each other and nobody can help it. Even if you live on a quiet floor, you'll only have to stay awake till 3 a.m. As for a non-quiet floor, we can only guess when they go to sleep or whether they go to sleep at all.

It's beyond comprehension why a person who likes to listen to a certain kind of music makes others listen to it too (turning up everything

to the maximum volume and making it simply thundering).

Of course, it's nice that the campus is such a musical place. But too much music is everywhere. We go to bed to the music and wake up with it. Obviously, during construction of the Halls, builders failed to make the walls sound-proof. Now they have something to think about.

Human nature has always been a great mystery. It's really tough to perceive the hidden motives of a person who switches on the radio, TV, CD-player and a computer simultaneously.

As for the music, it's just half of the problem. Some students are fond of uttering various kinds of sounds that make the dorms look more like jungles, especially those of Chaffee and Cooper. Not for nothing are they called Chaffee and Cooper "Hells". These two dorms could easily fit as a scenery for shooting a horror film. Some students practice playing games right in the corridors. The corridors are turned into gyms and playgrounds. Waste baskets are widely used for basketball playing. One can imagine the consequences. The joy of victory and the sadness of failures — everything is expressed in voice.

The struggle between RA's and the noise offenders goes on and seems in vain. Though control measures aimed at reducing noise should be undertaken, the main hope is that the students become more conscientious.

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## Student Poll

What do you like about *The Scribe*?  
And... what don't you like about it?



"I like the fashion page. I also like the fact that people's opinions are considered on various issues like the beeper issue. I don't like sports so much. I think that *The Scribe* has too many sports (articles)."

- Lina Zitkute



"I think *The Scribe* has improved considerably from what it was before, particularly the last issue. I liked the cover. I think the proofreading should be better. The mistakes can be very confusing."

- Anuj Shroff



"It informs us about what is going on around campus. You should have more information, more fun stuff."

- Danalyn Robinson



"It's nice to know what is going on on campus. I don't like the fact that articles are continued on a different page."

- Hakan Sualp



"I think it informs us about what is going on around campus... I just like it."

- Sharlette Melting.



"I like the articles on entertainment. I think you needs to add more pages."

- Bee Tsu Ling

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## Love Is a Black Thing

by Fatima Mugabe

A deep and interesting philosophical explanation of love in the American black community was explored in *Love is a Black Thing*, which was performed at UB on Friday, November 11. The play was produced by Yolie Thomas and brought to UB by Wayne Pankey, a UB student.

The cast of 15 male and female performers also sang and danced. Although the topic was fairly serious, there were a few laughs for the audience. Most of the people attending the play were markedly from the Bridgeport community. Few UB students were present which was rather disappointing as this was something the students could have enjoyed a great deal.

*Love is a Black Thing* showed the conflicts between the African American males and females. It showed their different feelings, lack of communication, and their differ-

ent opinions on how a relationship should work. Past history of African Americans, including the hard slavery days, the days when leaders like Malcom X spoke of black pride, and today Nelson Mandela all showed the survival of black love through the hardest of times. Misconceptions of what 'black love' is and what it could be were proven through the eyes of the African American producers and performers.



The Cast

The play encouraged more than anything to put right all that has gone wrong in the African American community. The actors clearly outlined the two different groups of the African

American male in America: the hard working, positive role model and the lazy drug dealer making money off the destruction of his own kind. Women were not spared as a show of the materialistic hard driving woman was shown in contrast to the realistic, hard-working and understanding African American woman. The play showed a link to the African heritage and explained all the problems in America. The most positive aspect of the performance was that numerous solutions were offered to most of the problems. *Love is a Black Thing* encourages black pride, unity, understanding

and a sense of belonging. Most of all it showed that there is certainly an existence of 'black love' here in

## Halloween Dorm Decorating Contest



Was the corpse real?

by Jessica Han

Barnum Hall won first place and received \$200 in the dorm decorating contest on Sunday, October 30, which was sponsored by the Parents' Association.

Barnum Hall chose "Graveyard at Midnight," to decorate the lounge. Many hand-made, cardboard grave-stones layed in-between dried leaves. Plastic ghosts hung from the ceiling to create a haunted atmosphere. On a long table, a student playing dead laid in a coffin. A talented flute player played live, eerie music. Finally, a Russian student gave a slide show presentation of various eerie slide he had collected throughout Bridgeport.

Chaffee Hall had the famous Freddy Cruger, dripping with blood, lying on the real table.

Seeley Hall had a theme that appeared to come from a Stephen King's novel. In a bedroom scene, a curtain was covered with blood, the piano was wrecked, and the word "HELP" fingered in blood was written on a piece of paper in an old-fashioned type writer.

Many students, led by their R.A.'s joined, hand in hand to create the freakiest dorm in U.B.

The dorms that participated are



Clayton Lee could not bother to feign fright.

Barnum, Chaffee, and Seeley Hall.

"Congratulations to Barnum Residents! Keep up the good spirit. It was really fun working on the decorations," says Sharon Mugabe, a senior.

## Barbara Siesel Thrills With The Andiamo Chamber Ensemble

by Frank Adjisegbe

After 10 years of on-stage-globe trotting, the Andiamo Chamber Ensemble, a group founded by Barbara Siesel in 1984, treated the UB community to a night of violin, clarinet, piano, cello, and flute at the Littlefield Recital Hall. This was the first time an all-faculty-member group has given a concert to the UB student body and was also the group's first concert of the year 1994.

From the very first note you hear from the stage, Barbara Siesel's flute tells you hers is one of the greatest of the century. Rising from a voluptuous, dusky umber in lower and

middle registers to a tender, glimmering lightness in the higher, with a rapid, trill-like vibrato discerningly used, her breath is in love with the flute.

But what commanded immediate attention was the unexpected authority the musicians had over their instruments.

Julian Milkis' humor with his clarinet did not shade his mother Mariana Milkis' piano works. Miriana, who had flown from Canada to perform that night attacked the piano with the fierceness of a tigress, hitting the keys with such freedom and depth that it was clear she should skyrocket to the top of her profession.

## Hasley House Happenings

by Soon Young Kim

"Let's look at this album. This is my husband and this is my mother-in-law." "Is the wedding ceremony here similar to that of your country?" "Where do people usually get married?" "What kind of differences are there?"

Where do you think these questions are being asked? At an institute where some authorities on wedding are giving lectures to a large audience? Or in a room where serious graduate students are writing papers on family lineage? None of these,

actually. These questions are asked at the American Culture Class at Halsey House.

Anyone who has ever been to the Academic Resource Center (or Learning Center) might have enjoyed its cozy and pleasant atmosphere. Unlike many sharp-edged buildings, the appearance of the center and the light from its windows gives students the feeling that it is the right place to rest in and talk freely about academic issues.

"The aim of this class" says Pattie Takita, one of the instructors in this program "is to teach foreign students something about American culture, traditions and values, the way our society works today, what makes America different from all other countries and to broaden students'

horizons a little bit, to name a few."

She observes that students' response to this class has been positive so far. The class that is being presented as a part of the center's effort to promote student development is the very place where students can get to know American culture and learn cultural differences and similarities of many different countries as well. The American Culture Class meets at 8:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"all their desire, dreams, their joys and their sorrow." What was left as you looked around at the spell bound audience, was the picture of the rose in the graveyard.

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## Campus Life

## Campus History Revealed at SCUBA

by Fatima Mugabe

What was probably been the most interesting SCUBA meeting so far was on Wednesday, November 2 when a representative from the Barnum Museum came to UB. The meeting began as usual with the socializing of students and introduction of the speaker.

Robert Pelton spoke about P.T. Barnum who was one of the most well known business personalities in Bridgeport. P.T. Barnum was among many things, a show personality, managing characters like Tom Thumb, a midget who dominated much of 1800s' stages as a performer. P.T. Barnum was also a circus owner displaying extraordinary advertising skills he was able to travel extensively with his circus giving people immense pleasure and a chance to see huge elephants and other rare animals.

In his lifetime P.T. Barnum also managed to build many buildings in Bridgeport including beautiful mansions for himself as well as one impressive one for his protégé Tom Thumb. Barnum played on the minds of people getting their attention for his circus. His real estate

business boomed because of his advertising skills. One interesting attraction the audience came to see was a "mermaid" in his circus while in actuality Barnum created a monstrous creature with a monkey's head sewn onto a fish tail. In those days, Barnum was the first to utilize his incredible mass media skills in getting the interest of the masses and maintaining it to a certain extent.

International as well as American students were able to see Bridgeport in its earliest stages and understand better the place in which they are studying. Many of these historical monuments can be found in the Barnum Museum that was actually built by P.T. Barnum himself. The slides shown explained to the audience the existence of many of the buildings that still stand in Bridgeport, although very different now.

SCUBA as a club is now planning more interaction among the members rather than a meeting and paying attention to a speaker every other Wednesday. The club now has more members and appreciates the increasing attendance at every meeting. Come and learn more about different subjects at the next SCUBA meeting!

## BSA Halloween Bash

The Black Student Alliance organised a Halloween party which was held in the Student Center, Friday, November 2. Spectacular outfits such as Native American, Egyptian, hospital attendants, witches, ghosts and other interesting



The UB Crows!

but undefined costumes were seen. The attendance was satisfactory and BSA was impressed at the turn out.

After all the disappointment because of misbehavior at these parties the students seemed to appreciate a chance to dance and socialise.

weeks ago that was still fresh minds of the students. Nevertheless everyone appeared to be having a good time. BSA representatives spoke at a Student Congress meeting and showed contentment at the turnout of events.

Interviewing different students

received the same response that the party was well organized they enjoyed the music and generally had a good time. In the future the students hope to have good parties like the Halloween Bash!

## THURSDAY NITE KNIGHTS!!

by Alexis Lalas

Religion, opinions, conflicts, every Thursday night Christian Knights meet to talk about anything and everything about life. What started out as a casual discussion a year and a half ago about religion and the state of this world, has evolved into a guaranteed weekly activity at UB. Rain or shine, the gallant Knights will have their meeting. There have been special guest speakers, singing, discussion, and movies, sharing of ideas and thoughts throughout the whole of last year.

Christians, Moslems, atheists, free-thinkers, and students from various other backgrounds comprise the

Christian Knight group. From a diverse array of students, this diligent, curious bunch, expose themselves, their thoughts, their feelings and stimulate each other to help reach a higher level of understanding.

President of the Christian Knights, Indika Perera said, "If anyone is a student who seeks and pursues the expansion of knowledge for one's self, this is the place to be. Thursday night at 8: Private Dining Room. Your opinion, your thoughts, your background is the very core of our existence...Diversity." Enough said. For true blue UB student, check out the gallant Knights Thursday at 8pm. The experience could be exhilarating.

## SPOTLIGHT



NAME: Clayton Lee  
OCCUPATION: Director, School of Fine & Applied Arts  
DOB: My birthday is coming up...Keep guessing!!!  
BIRTHPLACE: San Francisco,

What is the one thing you cannot live without?

Knowledge-Knowing that I know something. Learning things make me happy. I don't care much about material possessions.

If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?

My sense of urgency. I do have a sense of urgency which I would like to lose.

If you were not here, where would you like to be?

On the beach of Penang in Malaysia.

If you were not at your present position, what would you like to be?

I would like to run a bookstore.

If you could play the leading role in the remake of a movie, what role would it be?

Cary Grant's role in "His Girl Friday."

If you could dedicate a song to President Eigel, what would it be?

"Thanks for the memories" - a signature song for Bob Hope.

What is the best thing someone said about you?

That I am kind.

What is the worst thing someone said about you?

That I am insensitive.

What is the most effective thing to do to get you angry?

I don't get angry. I pride myself on not getting angry.

Where do you see yourself 20 years from now?

Probably driving in the Monte Carlo car rally.

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## PERSONALS

L- What's up with you & J? Are you coming back tonight? Are you sure?  
-C

Gala- No use crying over useless essays!

Agatha- definitely chronically constipated for life!

Caroline-

Fish Abuser!!!

Chris- Only a million + .5 to go

Darcy- Oh, oh, she knows Spanish!

Maria- What do you mean they are fading?  
-W.

Corey- Thanx for that Thursday! Love ya hun!  
-Alanna, Julia, Sarah

Tracy- Patience is a virtue

Karina- What happened to the 7th brother again?  
-Luv, your mommy

Billy- Stop pretending you're sleeping.  
-A.

Frank- Catch a hint!  
-Liz

Vassie- Thank God you have a fly and not a bee on your ear.  
-G.

Kores- Vampires are the best. O.k. maybe they will hurt you a little, but then again so did so many others - and they were not half as good looking, either!  
-E.

Kay- Try ironing out your finger. It looks kind of crooked.  
-William & R.

Evie- Uno, dos, tres...there she... cinco, seis  
A.

Mark- Whatch Thinking?  
-Liz

jamie- No, you're not a junkie!

-Kay Tracy- Patience is a virtue

Mailboxes *cont. from page*

pus. Mail is delivered to each dorm. Our total school population is currently 1950 students, and over 60% of these are commuting to UB. These commuters are "almost impossible to contact," said President Paula. A recent poll on campus revealed less than 10% of the students even knew the name and face of the President of Student Congress, Roshan Thiran. Not to mention, the resignation of President Eigel was communicated to residents of the entire Bridgeport community by the Connecticut Post before university students knew.

"The location of these mailboxes would most likely be the basement of the Student Center. This would allow us to save money and time to inform non-residents. As everyone knows, communication is a problem. I can even see moving all the resident hall mail boxes to the Student Center at some point," explained Dean Meritt. "This would allow resident and non-resident students to meet, and help the administration contact commuters. Furthermore, it would allow student groups to interact more."

Preliminary reactions of students are mixed. "I think it's a good idea. I know other schools that have a central mail box location," replied Sarah McKeown, Vice-President of the Freshmen class. "The one drawback is that students residents would have to walk to the Student Center to pick-up their mail. According to Meritt, however, the new idea would really turn the Student Center into a very active place. There might also

be the possibility of adding a few more student jobs as mail sorters.

Progress does mean change, and this is Dean Meritt's suggestion to try and facilitate better communication on campus. She reiterated that "no action would be taken without first understanding what the students feel about this mail box proposal."

If any students have suggestions, please contact your Student Congress representative or Dean Meritt.

Gunn *cont. from page 2*

financial stability and start thinking about medium to long term projects again.

"UB has always been special to me," Gunn said. "It's a great place and I'm glad I could be part of it. Higher education is important to me. It's most important for the students who want a chance for a college education."

UB President Edwin Eigel Jr. considers Gunn one of the university's best assets. "Ben is a treasure for this university. Without him I don't know where we would be," Eigel said. "Giving him an honorary degree is a way of saying thank you for all you have done."

Gunn, 73, will remain a member of the Board of Trustees, of which he has been a member since 1985. He graduated from Dartmouth and the University of Connecticut Law School and studied at Harvard Business School and New York University. He lives in Westport with his wife, and has three children.

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# Mental Edge

## Prayer

*In that moment of silence  
I heard you call  
When the oaks flushed  
and not a single leaf fell,  
you whispered my name.  
When it was so quiet  
you could hear  
cold sparrow feet  
crunch the snow  
on my window sill.  
In that silent moment  
I heard you  
in the quiet of my head  
behind my closed eyes*

- J.J. van der Stok

## Restless Mind

Study, but how can I?  
When I long for a different world  
Study, but there's so much on my  
mind  
Pictures, How I picture  
Things that I long to see  
Things that only seem like a  
dream  
So leave me all alone  
Like a bird that glides in the sky  
I have to try and sort out  
My restless mind.

Study, so you tell me  
But it's all just passing by  
Like the clouds that gently move  
across the sky  
Feelings, How I'm feeling  
Something I just can't feel  
And I know there's something in  
me  
That just won't heal  
Study, but how can I?  
How can I, when I don't know  
why  
Study, but there's so much on my  
mind.

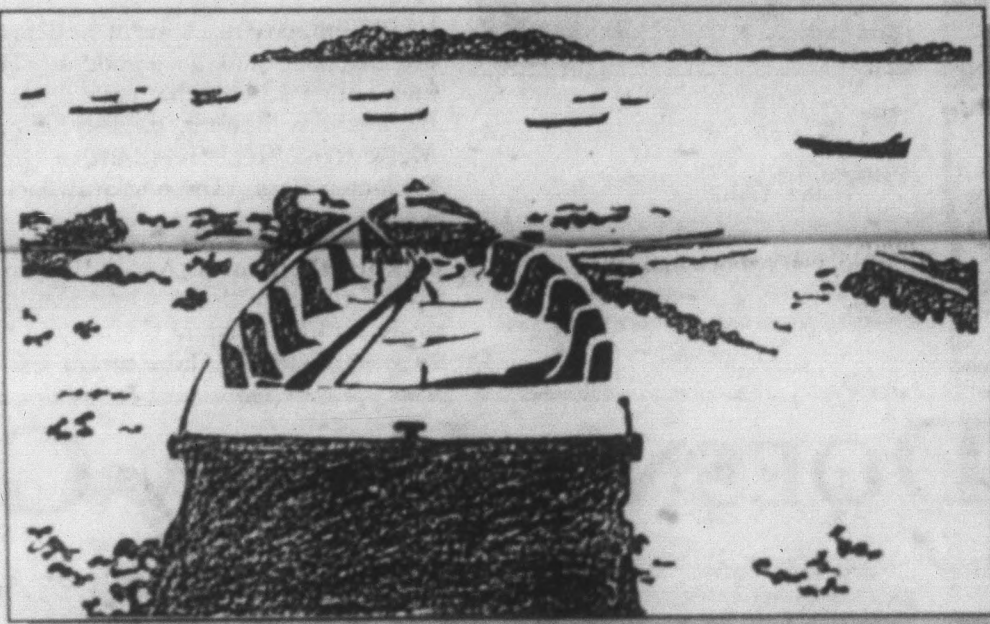
## CAB

by Roberto Labrador

"Cab... where are you going... Right away." Todd hung up the phone. He put his left foot down on the talk pedal just under the table and his right hand on the microphone hanging over his head. "Hey 28, get 245 James Street... No James... James like a fucking boy!" He released the pedal now. "Moron."

Sunday night is always busy at the Cab Company. They only have five cars on the street and one dispatcher, Todd. Nobody likes him. He's about 50 years old, a chain smoker, and he's got an extremely bad temper. Whenever he's on duty, the smoke in the little 12x9 dispatch room gets so thick it's hard to tell if someone is even sitting in there. Everyone is always telling him, "Hey Todd, you better quit smoking. One day you're gonna choke to death in that little room." But Todd doesn't even think about it. He just looks up, lights a cigarette and says, "Yeah, fuck you too."

Cab... Hello, cab... Oh what the fuck. We're busy here!" Todd slammed the phone down hard, making the little bell inside ring from the vibrations. He began to speak into the radio microphone but was stopped by an abrupt cough. Todd caught his breath, spit a light-green flem into the wastebasket and began to speak again, "I heard that Roy, fuck you... Who's next at the rail... C'mon talk to me. Who's riding around with no fucking job... 13, how you doing with yours... Alright get 3030 Park for twelve o'clock." Todd picked up the small piece of paper with the address 3030 Park on it and punched it through the nail on the pin-up board under the number 13. "28, where are you at... What



do you mean there's nobody there? The fucking lady just called me again. Are you in the right fucking place... You stupid son of a bitch! I told you Jane. Girl. Jane! Never mind, get 210 Maplewood and get it right." Todd lit another cigarette and frowned in disgust. He took the piece of paper from the nail marked 28 and moved it to number 26. "Hey 26, when you're free get 245 Jane Street... Yeah, like a fucking girl!"

I don't know why the Cab Company never fired Todd. I remember one time when he got the company in trouble with his big mouth. One day some lady calls up with a complaint about a cab fare and Todd just ripped her to pieces with his vulgarity. He cursed her whole damn family and it was a legitimate complaint. Anyway, it turns out the company got sued, went bankrupt, changed its name and started all over again with the same employee in a matter of days. The boss said, "Oh we can't fire Todd. He's been with the company for years. He's a valuable asset to us." Yeah right. I can see where the word ass comes into play.

Todd looked at the clock on the windowsill. The time was 4:05. Just under two hours before quitting time

and already Todd was showing signs of exhaustion. There was a pile of unassigned addresses on his desk and the phone has been ringing for five minutes. Todd grabbed a cigarette from the pack of Winstons on his desk lit it and took a long slow inhale. A large gray cloud of smoke seeped through his slightly parted lips as he exhaled and reached up for the telephone. "Cab... where you going... Well he's gonna keep the meter running until you come back out, but didn't have him sitting around for a fucking hour... Hey fuck you mister. You watch how you talk to me. I'm not you fucking son... Yeah well you kiss my ass or you'll catch the fucking bus... What... Hey... Hey!" Todd pulled the cord out of the wall and slammed the phone on the floor. He put his foot on the talk pedal and coughed heavily into the microphone. Todd reached to put his cigarette out in the ashtray and burned himself with one that was already in there. He put his hand on his chest and felt his heart beating fast as he continues to cough. He tried to stand up and get out but his swivel chair slid out from underneath him and he fell to the floor still coughing. His eyes roamed from the ceiling, to the door, to the table and

the pedal underneath it. He reached with his left hand for the pedal so he could cry for help, but he never made it. He never stopped coughing. He never stood up.

Everyone that was driving that night heard it as clear as day. This terrible threatening cough that came over the airwaves and into our radios. At first we thought it was just another one of his warning signs but after a little while we realized Todd hadn't been sating anything. We all figured he got tired and went home, so we finished up our runs and did the same.

The next morning I received a phone call that Todd was dead. I reached up and hit the snooze button on the FM alarm and laid there in my bed. My eyes roamed from the ceiling, to the door, to the nightstand with the TV remote control on it. I hit the power button and changed the channel to MTV. Nirvana was on singing Smells Like Teen Spirits. I like that song.

*"Writing is the only  
profession where no one considers you  
ridiculous if you earn no money."  
-JULES RENARD*

Kids these days

I yelled  
all the  
Bad Words  
I knew  
out the  
window  
once when  
I was  
mad and  
I was  
ten but  
no one  
heard me  
cuz we  
lived on  
a farm  
and all  
the COWS  
stared and  
started  
talking  
'bout kids  
these days

J.J. van der Stok



## Sports

## ATHLETIC NEWS

## Men's Soccer

Men's soccer team wrapped up the season on November 5, losing to nationally ranked Franklin Pierce (0-5). The team's final record is 10-8. With the record of 3-5-0 in the NECC, UB men placed sixth.

Congratulations to Ulf Josephson who made All-NECC first team, and Mariusz Mierzejewski and Mats Pehrsson who both made second team.

Juan Jaramillo finished a team's leading scorer with 24 points (11 goals, 2 assists), followed by Mierzejewski -20 (3+14) and Pehrsson -21 (9+3).

## Women's Soccer

Playing against very competitive teams, UB women finished their season with a record of 6-10-2 (0-5-1 in the NECC).

Jena Steinle led the team in scoring with 16 points (7 goals and 2 assists), followed by Alanna Tanner (3+2) with 8 points, and Kimberly Schilke, Julia Costello and Jenifer King—each with 7 points.

Anyone interested in joining the UB athletic team can contact the Athletic Department. tel. 576-4096

## Intramural Soccer Tournament

by Liza Camaj

Forward passes to midfield. . . dribbles right. He's got it in the left corner, and the centering pass. . . GOAL!!! The right wing slides and powers it home on the attack.

This is the excitement felt at the intramural soccer finals Friday night at the Wheeler Recreation Center. It is a culmination of a full season of

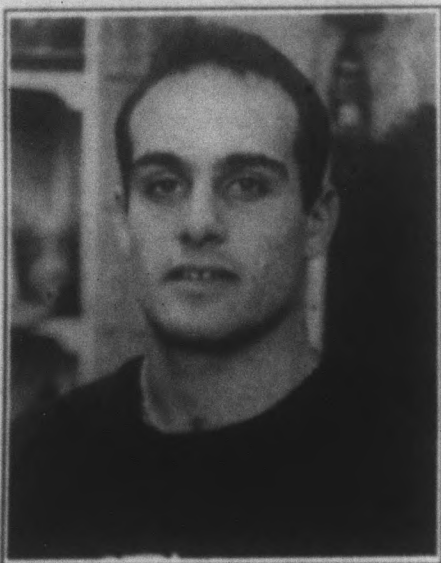
ups and downs for the soccer players. "It was nice to play here at UB again after playing for the school four years ago," soccer player Sheldon Neal commented, "It was a lot of fun."

These so-called tournaments have been created for the pure entertainment of UB soccer fans. The main purpose of the whole event was to create a healthy form of competition and to provide a good time

for players and fans alike. "It's only for fun," Muhamed Arwer remarked after his team, the Crescents lost to the Strikers in the final 6-3. After complaining about the referees of the match, on other player threw in, "They played like animals!"

Even if it was considered to be a game just for fun, the losing side could definitely be told apart from the winners. When one player was asked what the real benefits of being a champion of the tournament were, he said, "I wish we could of gotten a T-shirt of something."

## Gene Bolognese - Intramural Director



Age: 22

Present School: Chiropractic School

Why did you take this position? I was asked to (laughs). Actually, I really like sports (Gene was on UB's baseball team for four years, and its

captain for the last two), and as my profession will be directly connected with sports, particularly with its medical aspect, I accepted it.

What are your duties?: Setting up the program for the entire school year, making up schedules, setting up the gym, and. . . trying to find people who can help me.

Students' response: Not very good, but the reason, I think, is that there are so many new students, and they do not know what we offer.

Upcoming Events: Three men's basketball leagues (starts this week), five men's basketball leagues. And next semester, floor hockey, softball, volleyball and tennis tournaments.

"They are able because they think they are able."

-VERGIL

## Intramural Soccer Champions

Jimmy Lorde	Class of '74
Steve Black	Class of '88
Alvin Charlery	Class of '93
Sheldon Neal	Class of '92
Edmund Charley	Class of '95
Moshe Shemesh	Class of '93
Larry Itoka	Class of '74

## COMEDY NITE!

Mark down Monday night, November 28 on your calendar. It promises to be an entertaining evening full of laughs. And it is all brought to you by the University of Bridgeport's Department of Athletics.

The festivities begin at 7 p.m. when the UB men's basketball team plays host to the touring Italian National 22-and-under team in an

see Comedy, page 11

## WHO DOESN'T KNOW GINGER?

by Santa Puce

She knows most of the athletes at UB. When they pass by her desk in the gym or want to set up an appointment with Bob or Jill, the athletic director and his assistant, interaction is unavoidable.

"My interaction is pretty much on a social level," says Ginger Bedat, a secretary of the athletic department for nine years here at UB. "And I like it that way."

A native of Bridgeport, who now resides in Stratford, Bedat came to UB and started to work as a secretary for then women's athletic director Ann Fariss. Two years later, when the athletic director's position got united, she remained as the only secretary.

For the last six months, Bedat has been working under a new athletic administration. Asked, if it wasn't hard, after eight years of working with Fariss, to adjust to it, she replies with a reassuring "no."

"Ann and I were pretty close during these years of working together," she said. "But it's very easy for me to adjust to people. Besides, I knew Bob (Baird), the current athletic director, already. They both did an excellent job. Mine has remained basically the same."

Bedat's duties include making arrangements for all athletic teams. The actual work starts before the beginning of the athletic season, with the ordering. "Before the season



begins, we get lists from coaches with all the equipment needed," tells Ginger. "We do our best when trying to satisfy teams' needs."

Bedat also handles budgets when teams are playing away from home. "On the day of the teams' road games, I have to make sure the bus is on time, check the meal money, and after returning, take care of expense reports," she tells. Meanwhile, with in her busy schedule, everyday dur-

ing her lunch hour, she squeezes in a two-mile walk along the Seaside Park.

During the soccer season, Ginger was seen, down at almost every home game. "I try to go to the games, as much as possible," said Bedat. "This year especially, I paid more attention to soccer. Knowing many players, I can observe how their self-confidence has changed; how from shy freshmen, they have turned into leaders on field and on the campus," she says.

Bedat has another passion not many are aware of at the university. And it is a volunteer job for the Senior Olympics. "I got involved in the Senior Olympics while working with Fariss," she remembers. This job, that takes away most of her evening hours, has brought Ginger so many positive experiences, and has only strengthened the feeling of the necessity of such games as the Special Olympics. "These people are so wonderful

and positively oriented," she tells. "Sometimes I just wonder how even health problems do not let them go down. That motivates me so much."

Today, Bedat is a National Coordinator for the National Games of the state of Connecticut, and is quite busy organizing the CT teams for the national meet this coming summer in San Antonio, Texas.

As for the family, Ginger's life seems to revolve closely around her grandchild and two sons, who both graduated from UB.

One is presently involved in Quinnipiac's School of Law.

Having seen the years of ups and downs here at the university and its athletics, Bedat thinks that the renovation of facilities can bring back the school to its previous glory.

"We need a facility, like a brand new sports complex that, besides UB, can be used by the city and surrounding community," she says. "That would be a huge step towards resolving a modern facility problem on campus and further improving the school's athletic life."

"I can observe how players' self-confidence has changed; how from shy freshmen, they have turned into leaders on field and on the campus"

-GINGER BEDAT



# Basketball Overview

## Pre-Season Concerns and Hopes

by Santa Puce

Last year, the New England Collegiate Conference received quite a surprising performance from UB's basketball teams.

The men's team (pre-season ranked nationally) despite its enormous talent, was burnt out from pressure and high expectations. They ended the season much lower than was expected.

The women's team, on the other hand, shocked the league, as it took the NECC title for the first time. It was quite a surprise after the losing season of 92-93 (record 4-23) and placing last in pre-season rankings.

In order to find out about the team's attitude for this season, and what changes have taken place, I turned to both head coaches—Harvey Herer and Bruce Webster.

### Women

Harvey Herer's life in the team's third week of practices is full of problems. Here are only a few! Injuries, players' eligibility, and length of the bench. But the coach sums up his main concern: "NO FIRE!" "I don't see fire in players' eyes this year," he said. "There should be an urge, a hunger to win,

And the coach should be. The league's pre-season polls ranked Bridgeport second, right after UMass-Lowell—the team UB beat by a margin of two points in last year's championship game. But don't get too excited beforehand. Why?

"Ranking is picked on the previous year's performance," tells Herer. "And we had a good year. But we also had Barbara Love, Sharon, and Franklin (both starters) and Kammy Gaston, none of whom are back in the team this year." Gaston has left the school. Franklin has to improve her academic standard. And although Love started pre-season, she was knocked out already during the first week of practices with a serious knee injury. The question of her return is still up in the air, as her recovery is very slow.

Here would like to see of Franklin and Love replaced by Tanisha Grayson, a junior transfer student from Shawnee, OK, and freshman, 5'11" Katherine Thompson, a native of Staten Island, NY. They both are young, and according to Herer, new for the rest

of the team which has six returning players.

The coach isn't sure about the starters yet. As he says, "It's up to the players who will start." It appears that returning guards Sarah Willfong and Desiree Arbuchio, as well as inside forward Latasha Davis, will again clinch their starting positions this year as.

What really bothers Herer is the length and the power of the bench. "We have nine players at this point. But that is not enough," he said. Besides, the desire, the emotion of the team according to Herer, is different from the one last year (even with six returnees). Is Love's (last year's leader) absence so disturbing? "Barbara (Love) played injured most of the last season. But for what she did, and for her strong personality, players respected her." "Coaches don't determine a leader," he says, stressing that's another concern. "Leaders have to show a good game on court, besides personality, in order to gain other players' respect. For this year's team, the leader has not stepped forward yet." The season is almost knocking at the door. According to Herer, in order for this

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**-HARVEY HERER**

team to repeat last year's success, it has to work together.

It is very hard to get into shape just during the pre-season. It is not a new discovery when Herer says that in order to be successful in sports, you have to put a lot of time and hard work during the off-season, but he has a feeling that most of the girls haven't done it.

However, he believes that if everybody plays their positions, the wins will come. And, even though the might miss their last year's unanimous leader Barbara Love, the team will try to be competitive and challenge the league title this year as well.

### Men

Bruce Webster's expression was

calm while talking about his team, its pluses and minuses, and about the changes and the future.

With six seniors leaving last season, Webster has started another cycle of Purple Knights—a team that is very young and fresh. "Out of 14 players, 10 are new," told Webster. "And it's a real challenge. There is so much to teach and learn. But these players have also brought in



lots of spirit and enthusiasm."

The crucial period for the newcomers, according to Webster, is right now, as they try to blend with the veterans. If that happens, the coach thinks that the team will be very strong.

Unlike Herer, the women's coach, Webster is pretty sure about his starting line-up.

Jeff Bailey (red-shirted last year) will start as a point-guard, while Lamont Jones will move to the shooting guard position. Webster hopes that this switch will take the pressure off Jones. According to Webster, Bailey and Jones might turn out to be a very effective duo as the league games approach.

Also returning are Herdol Christie, a 6'-4" junior who will take a shooting forward position, and Billy Bush who might be a strong rebounder.

Freshmen forwards, Jamie Lewis and Brendon Boyce, will be fighting out for the final fifth spot on the starting line-up.

After a disappointing season last year, the team was ranked fifth in the NECC pre-season polls. Does it mean there is going to be less pressure compared to the last year when UB was in the top?

According to some lead players, yes—it will mean less pressure, but Webster thinks that pressure is self-imposed. "I've never tried to impose pressure on players," said Webster. "And we can't win if we have it.

Last year's practice showed it clearly. Of course, there's the pressure on me and my staff, as we are eager to bring the team to national prominence."

Practices so far have been passed with a series of injuries, though nothing really serious. At this point, all the players are in a good position to practice, according to Webster.

In order not to repeat last year's mistakes (academic eligibility problems of Chris Heele that resulted in forfeiting 11 wins), Webster has made sure he's not directly influenced by players' academics. "Steele was a product of the system," says Webster. "This year, I am not responsible for player's academics. The new administration will take care of that."

Everybody, by all means, expects an All-American performance from team's leader, senior Lamont Jones. It seems that team's failure last year, along with fatherhood, has matured Jones. After making the second team in All-America in his first college year and All-Conference in the second, Jones was totally forgotten last year. "I think he had a good year," said Webster. "Everybody thinks he dropped back in his performance. It was hard to be a point guard in Lamont's case, and he actually had to do everything."

According to the coach, the hardest thing will be for the new kids to learn the system until the league games start. "If we have success then because of our back court," said Webster. "What we need is veterans to get young kids to play together with the right team chemistry."

In key situations, Webster hopes that Bush, as the only big guy, will have to step up, which he's done in practices.

UB is not the only conference team with so few returning players, and many new ones coming in. "It seems the whole conference is starting a new cycle," admits Webster. "Franklin Pierce has lost most of their starting players. Southern Connecticut is the same. The teams are rebuilding."

However, after so many years of coaching, Webster thinks that there is no such thing as rebuilding for him. "I want to continue this program in the winning tradition," he concluded.

Let us wish both teams and both coaches good luck, and give them our support at home games.

### Comedy cont. from page 10

exhibition game in the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium.

Following the game in the Social Room of the Student Center, a three-hour "Comedy Night" begins at 9 p.m. Three professional comedians, headed by Nancy Ryan, will keep the audience in stitches.

"We figured this would be an ideal time to hold the event," said

Bruce Webster, the men's basketball coach and coordinator of athletic fund raising. "It comes right after the Thanksgiving holiday and it will put everyone in a good frame of mind as they head into exams in a couple of weeks."

Popcorn and chips will be provided free of charge. There will be refreshments for sale, including sandwiches, soda, beer and wine.

A combination ticket for both the basketball game and come-

dy night is on sale in the athletic department office for \$10, which represents a considerable savings if they were purchased individually. Tickets also may be purchased from members of each of the University's varsity athletic teams. Seating for the comedy night is limited, so don't be left out of the fun!

The event is open to UB students, staff, faculty, alumni and the public.

Other Department of

Athletics fund-raising events include a dinner-dance on February 4, staged in conjunction with the annual Alumni Basketball game which is played between the men's and women's games with Le Moyne College, and an athletic golf tournament on May 22. Additional information on those events will be forthcoming.

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## Sports

# Purple vs. White

by Santa Puce

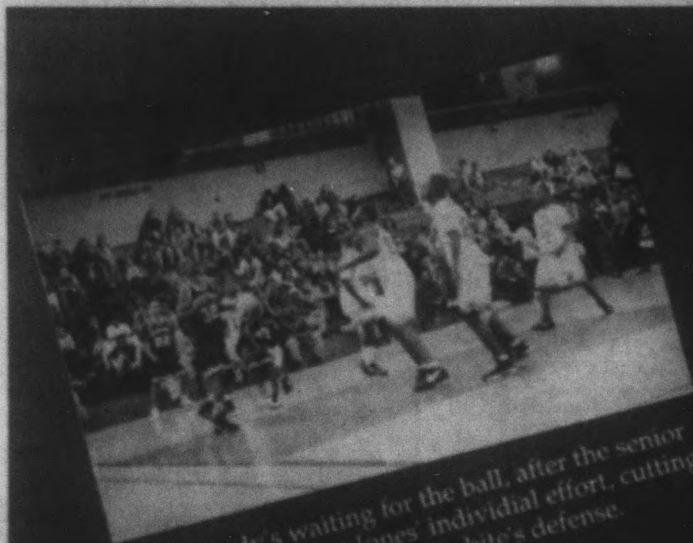
It looked like an official game. The teams wore their game uniforms. Referees were there. An unusual number of basketball fans (300-400) filled Harvey Hubbell gymnasium. Still, there was something different about this game.

It was November 10th and time for the annual Purple vs. White game. The opponent is not unknown during these games, as players, divided into two teams, play against each other. It is time when they step in front of their fans, and show what they've learned and how prepared - or not prepared - they are for the season.

This year was different for the women's team. Due to a shortage of players, they invited athletes from other teams to join them. The game, which could have been called Basketball vs. Soccer (all 8 players on the opposite team were members of the soccer team), seemed to be more challenging for those that tried to handle the orange wonder on the wooden court.

I couldn't really judge the defensive power of the "Purple Knights", but offensively, there

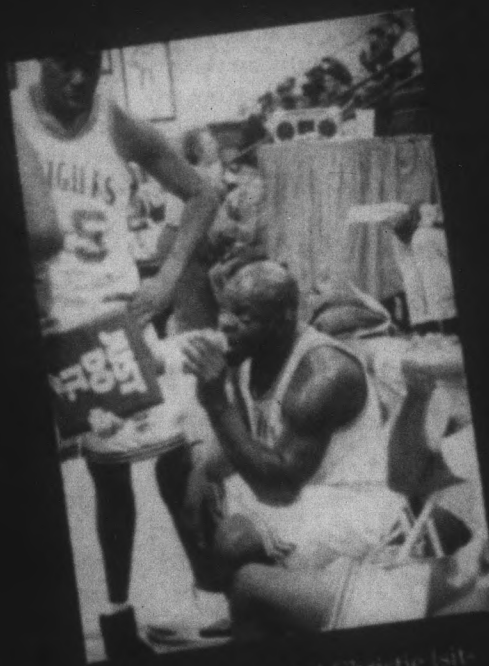
## Men's Game



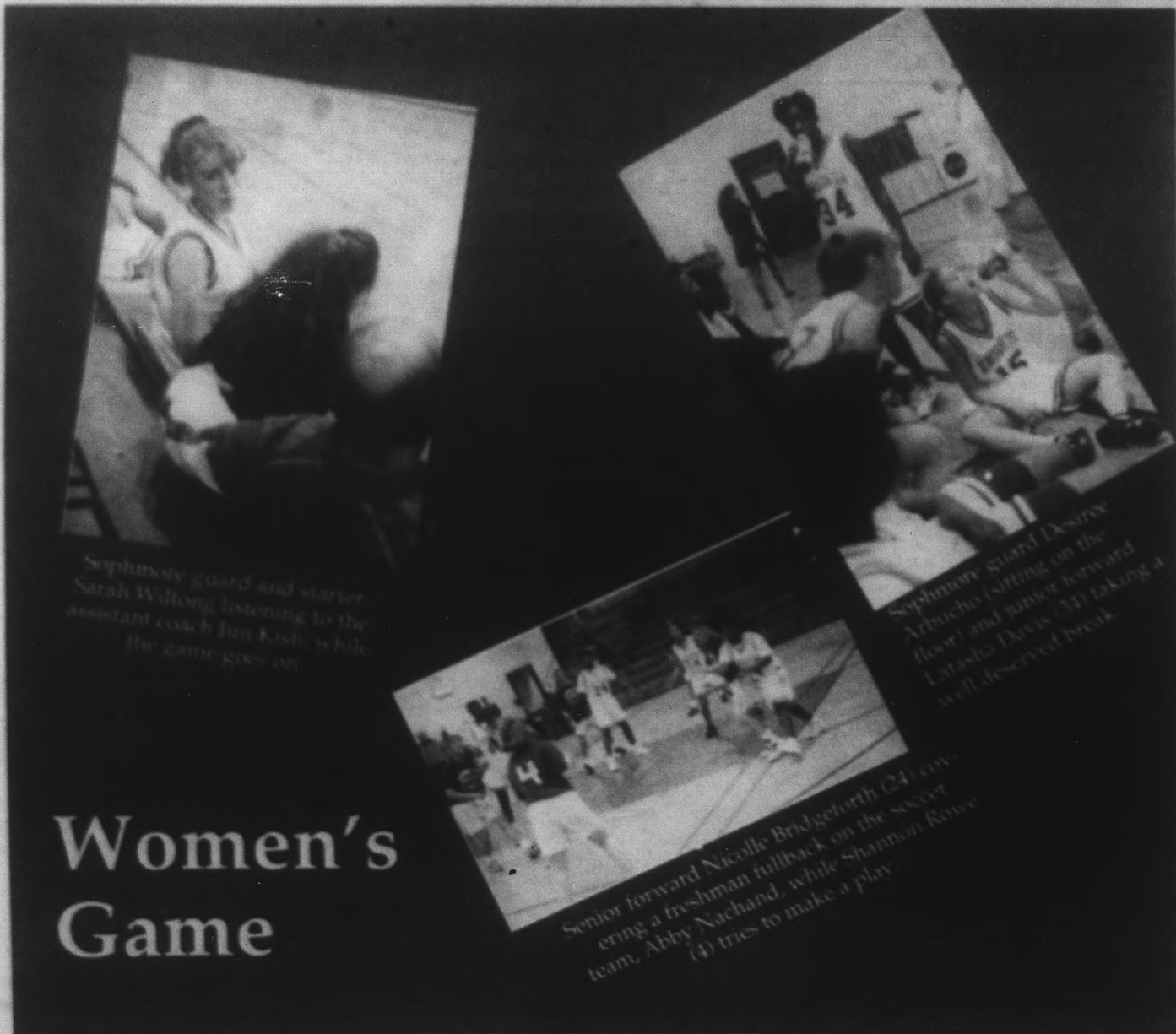
Everybody's waiting for the ball, after the senior guard Lamont Jones' individual effort, cutting through white's defense.



During the time out, the team left: Brendan Lemont Jones) attentively listen to the assistant coach Vin Lanczoni and his directions.



Forward Herdol Christie sits up to the starting line-up in his senior year.



## Women's Game

Sophomore guard and starter Sarah Wilton listening to the assistant coach Jim Kish, while the game goes on.

Sophomore guard Desiree Arbucko (sitting on the floor) and junior forward Larissa Davis (24) taking a well deserved break.

Senior forward Nicole Bridgforth (24) covering a freshman fullback on the soccer team, Abby Nachand, while Shannon Rowe (4) tries to make a play.

were times when the fans' breaths were taken away — something that happens very rarely in women's games.

Men played by themselves, while on the bench, there both assistant coaches - Vin Laczkoski and a newcomer Steve Ray - dueling.

Players were tied up in their first appearance before the fans. Lamont Jones was spectacular as always (42 points). Somebody said that the team lacks the talent that it had last year of David Sweeting and Winston Jones, but the new guys definitely did their best. And who knows, last year we didn't win, despite all our talent. Maybe this year we can do it with hard work!

The head coach, Bruce Webster, was saving his nerves and voice till the start of the actual season.

The first real test for both teams will be this weekend. The women's team will play at Bridgeport Invitational (home). While the men's team will be part of the Constitution Classic tournament at American International College.

Good luck  
starting the season!